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In re application of:)			
Cech et al.)	Examiner:	Not Assig	gned
Application No.: 08/846,017)	Art Unit:	1815	received)
Filed: April 25, 1997)			MAR 3 U 1980
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Sir:

Applicants request that the following amendment be entered prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows: 00000005 DAN: 201430 08846017

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- encoding at least a portion of human telomerase in a biological sample, comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing:
 - i) a biological sample suspected of containing nucleic acid [corresponding to the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:100] encoding a human telomerase polypeptide;
 - ii) an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide comprising a sequence identical or complementary to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:100, or a fragment thereof;